

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Education Outcomes Task Force

March 19, 2021

10am – Noon

Virtual: TEAMS

DWD: Brianna Morse, Michael Coleman, Bart Doan, Beth Marshall

Guest: Christy Berger, Mary Beth Buzzard, JauNae Hanger, Derek Grubbs, Susan Lightfoot, Terri Miller, Alison Slatter, Gilbert Smith, Julie Whitman, Bethany Ecklor, Janet Martinez, Gina Woodward, Susan Lockwood, Lisa Truitt, Sharon Chambers, Anita Silverman, Melaina Gant

1. Review and approval of minutes from January 2021, meeting – a copy of the draft minutes are uploaded into TEAMS files.
2. Status update of action items from last meeting

Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)		
Action	Responsibility	Due Date
Complete Google Survey https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdvrqYk-OVnMhsOsNkSBth07pCivXLx_vAFbnEaE6AZIxiHtw/viewform	all	3/19/2021
Update subcommittee list	Subcommittee leads	3/19/2021
Identify note taker	all	3/19/2021

3. Updates from IDOE with new administration

- Went over PowerPoint
- IDOE SEL Approach
- ACES Coalition will regroup

- Last legislation required schools to have MOU's
- Esser 11 is coming out
- Encourage schools to partner with community partners
- 150 People to join
- Partner with IYI
- Julie asked how meeting went (Talked about mental health, talked about making sure connecting, It will not be the first or last meeting, try to be more intentional)

Christy asked if getting pushback

- Lack of understanding
- Parents have a hard time understanding and they aren't happy

Susan asked do they not understand.

- Christy mentioned parents believe school should only be academics
- Alison- They feel like the school is trying to do the parents' job

Julie asked how to spend all of federal dollars

- Is there a process to make it a topic?
- Taxpayers may want to know where this money is going

Anita mentioned they are starting it in elementary school and there is a disconnect between different schools.

Bethany mentioned we do have a high rate of youth suicide in our state.

Putting school resource officers in schools.

There needs to be a permanent fix

- Michael- IUPUI, IUPUC have all seen a decline in students utilizing their Work Study funds. This is alarming, because with the Work Study Grant, if you do not use it you lose it as an option your future years in school. It would be interesting to see:
 - 1 – If the grant can't be recovered due to the pandemic.
 - 2 – if there are less students utilizing the grant because of less opportunity and fear of health issues.
- CHE – Waiving SAT and ACT – due to capacity and scheduling. Because of issues with PSAT it was waived. Some students were competing as national merit scholars, so less students.
- Manually senior scholars can be waived.
- No long-term plans to waive the SAT and ACT. Majority of schools will be doing in-school testing. It will be offered for juniors, so that could be an issue.
- Other activities, there are online opportunities for young people to complete the necessary guidelines.
- Filing FASFA is a big area of concern nationally. Trend, numbers compared to last year have declined locally and nationally.
- Two in-house CHE FASFA events coming up – March 27th at noon and April 13th at 6:30PM. Recorded and posted on Facebook and Instagram.
- Paper FAFAs are being sent to all graduating seniors.

- With CHE – we are not seeing a huge change in 21st Century Scholars enrollment yet. Last year the numbers were good even amidst schools going virtual.
- General parent information can be shared to those we are serving through DWD services.
- Habitat for Humanity has community partner accounts where they will share 21st Century Scholars information with young people they serve or volunteer with
- IYI will be announcing funding grants – college and career readiness.
 - For schools they partner with. Their foundations will be eligible for FASFA and 21st century scholar enrollment as well as family engagement.
- DCS is attempting to enroll probation youth that are in foster care, however we are having a systems data issue that we need to work out. - 21st Century Scholars
- FASFA deadline may only be extended closer to the due date. This is not a guarantee.
- Task Force – Mental Health for kids? Maybe this is one to weave in, look at how this affects long-term impacts. – Pitch to Bethany Ecklor - Be Well Indiana information
- Data for Graduation Pathways – looking at disaggregated data by race, socioeconomic, etc.
 - Talk to Christy at DOE about who may be doing this – put in a data request for DOE - datarequests@doe.in.gov - Request specific data
- Gina Woodward Requested - Asking about enrollment of unaccompanied youth. Check with CHE - Especially, if the young person is McKinney-Vento